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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 04150011AA	
<b>Applicant(s):</b> Hirotaka Yamaji					
<b>Serial No.</b> 09/740,790	<b>Filing Date</b> 03/06/2003 12/21/2000	<b>Examiner</b> Nolan, Daniel A.		<b>Group Art Unit</b> 2655	
<b>Invention:</b> AUDIO PLAYBACK/RECORDING APPARATUS					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	<b>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</b>	<b>HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FEE</b>
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<b>INDEP. CLAIMS</b>	1 -	3 =	0 x	\$80.00	\$0.00
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					\$0.00
<div style="display:flex; justify-content:space-between;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2041 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</div><div style="text-align:right;"><b>RECEIVED</b> MAY 21 2003 <b>Technology Center 2600</b></div></div> <div style="display:flex; justify-content:space-between; margin-top:20px;"><div> _____ Signature <b>Michael E. Whitham, Reg. No. 32, 635</b> <b>Whitham, Curtis, and Christofferson, P.C.</b> <b>11491 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 340</b> <b>Reston, Virginia 20190</b> <b>(703) 787-9400</b></div><div><b>Dated:</b> May 20, 2003</div></div> <div style="display:flex; justify-content:space-between; margin-top:20px;"><div> <b>30743</b> PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</div><div style="border:1px solid black; padding:5px; width:300px;"><div style="text-align:center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div><div style="text-align:center; margin-top:10px;"><i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> <b>HAND DELIVERED</b> <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div></div></div>					
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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5 Applicant: Hirotaka Yamaji  
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15 Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 6, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

20 Please amend the following paragraphs as set forth below (clean copies of the amended paragraphs are presented in Appendix 1).

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 as follows:

A1  
25 The first problem is that it is not possible to accommodate [to] diverse audio data compression systems.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 as follows:

A2  
30 The second problem is that it is not possible to accommodate [to] encryption accompanying the shift to digital audio.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 as follows: